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August 4, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CalEMA) FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VWAP) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009-10 ALL DISTRICTS (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

This Board Letter requests authority for the District Attorney's Office to complete the grant application process for continued grant funding for the VWAP in FY 2009-10. Therefore, we are requesting the Chair to sign the required Certification of Assurance of Compliance Form as required by the grantor.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Authorize the District Attorney (DA), on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to complete the grant application process with CalEMA for grant funds for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, in the total amount of \$3,427,269; and to sign an Agreement (copy attached) with the City of Los Angeles (City) to participate in the VWAP. The DA receives \$2,570,452 and the City receives \$856,817 as a subgrantee. There is no required match for this grant.
- Request the Chair of the Board to sign and affix a wet signature to the attached Certification of Assurance of Compliance form required to complete the grant application.
- Delegate authority to the DA or his designee, upon award of grant funding by CalEMA, to accept and execute the Grant Award Agreement and serve as Project Director for the program.

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This also includes authorization to approve any subsequent amendments, modifications, and/or extensions to the CalEMA grant documents that do not increase the net County cost of the program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to comply with VWAP's commitment to assist underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma and the devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families.

On April 8, 2009, CalEMA released a Request for Application (RFA) for the VWAP in FY 2009-10. The DA's VWAP is the major service provider for crime victims and witnesses in Los Angeles County and meets the eligibility requirements to apply for continuation funding. A funding chart included in the RFA designated \$3,427,269 to Los Angeles County. On May 22, 2009, the DA submitted an application to apply for continuation grant funds in FY 2009-10. In order to complete the application process, applicants are required to complete a Certification of Compliance form which includes details regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP), Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, and Proof of Authority from City Council/Government Board. Applicants are required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the Grant Award Agreement.

Board authorization to complete the grant application process and to accept FY 2009-10 grant funds is requested in order to comply with County and CalEMA requirements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services, and Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, Public Safety, to ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The DA's application requests grant funding in the amount of \$3,427,269, for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Of this amount, the DA will receive \$2,570,452 and the City will receive \$856,817, or 25% of the grant award. The estimated project cost for the VWAP Program is \$3,671,257. After the offset of \$3,427,269 in grant funds, the DA will absorb a total of \$243,988, for VWAP FY 2009-10. Funding of \$2,567,000 is included in the DA Adopted Budget for FY 2009-10. The difference of \$3,452 will be appropriated in the Supplemental Budget Request for FY 2009-10.

In light of the State budget situation, if funding for this program were to be terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions. Payments by the County to the City, as a subgrantee, are contingent on the availability of State funding. If the County does not receive the full amount from the State, the City has acknowledged that its portion of the grant will be reduced in an amount solely to be determined by the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Penal Code §13835.2, VWAP has been the major provider of comprehensive services to victims of crime since 1977. VWAP was established to implement a decentralized, prosecution-based victim assistance program to provide mandatory and optional victim services throughout Los Angeles County.

VWAP is structured to meet the needs of victims and witnesses as they enter the criminal justice system, to help stabilize them emotionally and financially, so that trauma can be minimized. As mandated by statute, the Victim Services Representative (VSR) provides direct services to victims of all types of crimes. The range of victim services provided has expanded over the years.

The VSRs assigned to VWAP assist a large number of victims living in poverty who have immediate needs for intensive assistance, including basic subsistence, witness protection and relocation. The growing number of people living in poverty in Los Angeles County, particularly children and elders, contributes to the increased demand for victim services. Additionally, the high number of violent crimes in Los Angeles County creates a crucial need for specialized victim advocacy services including assistance to the families of homicide victims, to victims of gang-related crimes, and child victims.

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Currently, the DA's VWAP provides victim services at 27 victim service centers, and the City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program operates another 10 victim service centers. In FY 2009-10, VWAP will prioritize a coordinated service delivery to ensure that comprehensive services are made available to all victims in Los Angeles County.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter and two CalEMA Certification of Assurance of Compliance Forms, with a wet signature, to Ms. Patricia Orozco, Grants Unit, District Attorney's Office, 201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651.

Respectfully submitted.

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000

Department:	District Attorney		

Grant Project Title and Description VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VWAP)

The VWAP has been the major provider of comprehensive services to victims of crime since 1977. This program was established to create a decentralized, prosecution-based victim assistance program throughout Los Angeles County to assist victims of all types of crime. The District Attorney's Office maintains a close working relationship with its subgrantee, the Los Angeles City Attorney, and has maintained long-term professional relationships with law enforcement and prosecutors. VWAP sets goals each year and provides services to approximately 19,000 victims, annually.

Funding Agency State California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA)	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #) Penal Code Section 13835 et seq.	Grant Acceptance Deadline N/A
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Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$3,427,269		Co	County Match: N/A			
			te: June 30, 2010			
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: Full Time: 38 Part Time 5			=			
Obligations Imp	Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires					
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes X No						
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?		ms?	Yes X	_ No .		
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes No _		<u>x</u> _				
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:						
a) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No _X b) Identify other revenue sources Yes No _X		<u>x</u> _				
b) Identify other revenue sources		Yes	No_	<u>x</u> _		
(Describe)						
Impact of additional personnel on exist None.	sting space:					

Department Head Signature _____

Date 7/17/05

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund

I, STEVE COOL	STEVE COOLEY		
(official authorize	ed to sign grant a	ward; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet)	
RECIPIENT:	COUNTY OF	LOS ANGELES	
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:		LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	
PROJECT TITLE	E: VICTIM	WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	

is responsible for reviewing the Grant Recipient Handbook and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by CalEMA including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity – (Recipient Handbook Section 2151)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). CalEMA-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.

Please provide the following information:

Equal Emp	ployment Opportunity Officer: JULIE DIXON SILVA		
Title:	CHIEF, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DIVISION		
Address:	201 N. FIGUEROA STREET, SUITE 1455, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012		
Phone:	(213) 202-7705		
Email:	jdsilva@da.lacounty.gov		

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 - (Recipient Handbook, Section 2152)

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - (Recipient Handbook, Section 2153)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all CalEMA funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEAQ requirements.

IV. Lobbying - (Recipient Handbook Section 2154)

CalEMA grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension – (Recipient Handbook Section 2155) (This applies to federally funded grants only.)

CalEMA-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of CalEMA, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and CalEMA disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from CalEMA shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

VII. Special Condition for Grant Awards with Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund

The grant recipient agrees to administer the grant in accordance with the VOCA, the VOCA Program Guidelines, and the Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for CalEMA or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the CalEMA determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION				
I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.				
Authorized Official's Signature:				
Authorized Official's Typed Name: STEVE COOLEY				
Authorized Official's Title: DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Date Executed: 17/17/09				
Federal Employer ID #: 95-6000927 Federal DUNS # 781310990				
Current Central Contractor Registration Yes No No				
Executed in the City/County of: LOS ANGELES				
AUTHORIZED BY: (not applicable to State agencies)				
City Financial Officer City Manager Governing Board Chair County Financial Officer County Manager				
Signature:				
Typed Name: DON KNABE				
Title: CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS				

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: Chufa Thman

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STATE OF CALIFORNIA AGREEMENT FOR THE VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

THIS AGREEMENT, is made and entered into this _____ day of 2009, in the City of Los Angeles, California, by and between the **COUNTY** of Los Angeles, a county and political subdivision of the State of California (herein after referred to as the COUNTY), and the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a chartered municipality organized under the law of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as the CITY), and both of whom collectively are referred to as the PARTIES; WHEREAS, the COUNTY, pursuant to Penal Code Section 13835, et seq., has designated its Office of the District Attorney through its Victim-Witness Assistance Program as a major provider of comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of all types of crimes; and WHEREAS, the State of California's Emergency Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as CALEMA) has awarded the COUNTY funds in the amount of \$3,427,269 to provide victim-witness services, of which \$2,570,452 will be utilized by the COUNTY; the remainder of funds, \$856,817, will be allocated to the City Attorney, as a subgrantee, for Fiscal Year 2009-10 beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30. 2010: and: WHEREAS, the CALEMA has established Program guidelines which provide that there will be only one Program provider in each county; and WHEREAS, the CITY desires to participate in such a program for the prosecution of misdemeanor cases within its jurisdictional boundaries and to provide program services at the Central Office of the City Attorney, Van Nuys City Hall, San

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Pedro City Hall, and at the following Los Angeles Police Stations: 77th Street, Newton, West Los Angeles, Northeast, North Hollywood, Hollenbeck, and Wilshire Divisions; and

WHEREAS, the CITY has the capability of providing such services; and the COUNTY desires for the CITY to provide such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein set forth and the mutual benefits to be derived there from, the PARTIES agree as follows:

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The CITY shall provide services that are primary to the maintenance of a comprehensive center responsive to the basic needs of victims and witnesses. As required by Penal Code Section 13835.4, the CITY shall carry out all of the following activities in delivering services:

- Services to victims and witnesses of all types of crimes and survivors of homicide victims;
- Translation for non-English speaking victims and witnesses;
- Follow-up contact with clients;
- Field visits whenever necessary to provide services;
- Volunteer participation to encourage community involvement;
- Special services specific to the needs of the hearing impaired;
- Special services specific to the needs of the disabled; and
- Services appropriate to the special needs of elderly victims.

The CITY shall provide the following two categories of victim/witness services: mandatory services and optional services:

A. Mandatory Services:

- crisis intervention
- emergency assistance

1	 resource and referral assistance
2	direct counseling
3	assistance with victim of crime claims
4	property return
5	orientation to the criminal justice system
6	court escort/court support
7	 presentations and training for criminal justice agencies and
8	victim service organizations
9	 public presentations and publicity
10	case disposition/case status
11	notification of friends and relatives
12	employer notification
13	restitution assistance
14	B. Optional Services (These services are included to allow centers the
15	latitude to develop services responsive to local needs):
16	employer intervention
17	creditor intervention
18	child care assistance
19	witness protection
20	temporary restraining order assistance
21	transportation assistance
22	court waiting area
23	funeral arrangements
24	crime prevention information
25	2. <u>TIME AND PERFORMANCE</u> :
26	Said services of the CITY are to, and the CITY certifies did, commence or

July 1, 2009 and shall terminate on June 30, 2010. The COUNTY and the CITY can automatically renew this Agreement in writing for one successive one-year period contingent upon the COUNTY receiving sufficient grant funds from the CALEMA.

COMPENSATION:

In consideration for the services provided under this Agreement, the COUNTY shall allocate to the CITY, as a sub-grantee, an amount not to exceed \$856.817 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10.

Payments shall constitute full and complete compensation for the CITY's services under this Agreement. The COUNTY will pay the CITY from the funds the **COUNTY** receives from the CALEMA. Any such payments shall be contingent upon the availability of the CalEMA funds and shall not be charged upon any other COUNTY funds.

If the grant funds awarded to the **COUNTY** are less than promised by the CalEMA for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 as set forth in this Agreement, the CITY acknowledges that their portion of the grant funding may be reduced in an amount to be solely determined by the COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT:

- A. The District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles, or his designated representative, is designated as the **COUNTY's** Project Director, who shall have full authority to act for the COUNTY in the administration of this Agreement consistent with the provisions contained herein.
- B. The City Attorney, or his designated representative, is designated as the CITY's Project Director, who shall have full authority to act for the CITY in the administration of this Agreement consistent with the provisions contained herein.

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C. The COUNTY's Victim Witness Assistance Program and the CITY's

Victim Assistance Program will closely coordinate services and will adhere to all

provisions of the Agreement set forth in the grant proposal. Should either of the

PARTIES become aware of issues of mutual concern or conflicts, the PARTIES agree

to meet and confer to determine the best possible resolution in the interests of the client

population the programs serve.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS & DIRECTIVES:

All **PARTIES** agree to be bound by all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, regulations and directives as they pertain to the performance of this Agreement. All **PARTIES** agree to comply with the guidelines set forth in the CalEMA Recipient Handbook, which can be found at http://www.oes.ca.gov/WebPage/oes website.ns f/PDF/2009%20CalEMA%20Recipient%20Handbook/\$efil/2009-Recipient-Handbook.pdf, and which is incorporated herein to this Agreement.

6. **DISCRIMINATION:**

No person shall, on the grounds of race, sex, creed, color or natural origin, be excluded from participation in, or be refused the benefits of, any activities, programs or employment supported by this Agreement.

7. ACCOUNTING:

The CITY must establish and maintain on a current basis an adequate accounting system in accordance with the U.S. General Accounting Office Standards for audit of governmental organizations, programs, activities and functions issued by the U.S. General Accounting Office.

8. CHANGES IN AGREEMENT AMOUNT:

The **COUNTY** reserves the right to reduce the Agreement amount when the **COUNTY's** fiscal monitoring indicates that the **CITY's** rate of expenditure will result in unspent funds at the end of the program year. Changes in this Agreement amount

will be made after consultation with the CITY. Such changes shall be effective upon written notice to the CITY and the COUNTY Project Director.

9. AUDIT PROVISIONS:

The CITY shall comply with the CALEMA Recipient Handbook, Section 8151 b., in securing a financial audit. The CITY may budget up to 1.5 percent (1.5%) of the total grant award for the financial audit cost. The CITY shall make available to the COUNTY, the Comptroller of the State of California, the CALEMA and their authorized representatives for purposes of inspection and audit, any and all of its books, papers, documents, financial and other records pertaining to the operation of this Agreement. The aforesaid records shall be available for inspection and audit during regular business hours throughout the term of this Agreement, and for a period of five (5) years after the expiration of the term of this Agreement.

11. PROGRAM EVALUATION AND INSPECTION:

The CITY shall permit the COUNTY, and authorized representatives of the CALEMA, to inspect and review its facilities and program operations from time to time as may be requested by the COUNTY and the CALEMA. Said representatives may monitor the operations of this Agreement to assure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. In the event that any such inspection reveals violation of any provision of this Agreement and the CITY fails to correct any such violation to the satisfaction of the COUNTY within a reasonable time, not to exceed ten (10) days, the COUNTY may unilaterally terminate this Agreement by giving the CITY ten (10) days written notice of such termination.

12. AUDIT EXCEPTIONS BY COUNTY AND STATE AGENCIES:

The CITY agrees that in the event the program established hereunder is subjected to audit exceptions by appropriate COUNTY, State or Federal audit agencies, the CITY shall be responsible for complying with such exceptions and paying the

COUNTY the full amount of the liability incurred by the COUNTY to the CALEMA from such audit exceptions.

13. TERMINATION AND TERMINATION COSTS:

This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. The COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement upon the termination, suspension, discontinuation or substantial reduction in the CALEMA funding for the Agreement activity. In such event, the CITY shall be compensated for all services rendered and all necessarily incurred costs performed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement that have not been previously reimbursed, to the date of said termination to the extent the CALEMA funds are available. All remaining funds not compensated to the CITY by termination of this Agreement will revert back to the COUNTY. Payment shall be made only upon filing with the COUNTY, by the CITY, of vouchers evidencing the time expended and said cost incurred. Said vouchers must be filed with the COUNTY within thirty (30) days of the date of said termination.

14. <u>INDEPENDENT STATUS:</u>

Both parties hereto in the performance of this Agreement will be acting in an independent capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint venturers or associates of one another. The employees or agent of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the agent or employees of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

15. ASSIGNMENT:

No performance of this Agreement or any section thereof may be assigned or subcontracted by the CITY without the express written consent of the COUNTY and any attempt by the CITY to assign or subcontract any performance of the

terms of this Agreement shall be null and void and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

16. HOLD HARMLESS:

- A. Neither the **COUNTY** nor any office or employee thereof shall be responsible for any damages or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the **CITY**, or in connection with any authority or jurisdiction delegated to the **CITY** under this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that, pursuant to Government Code Section 895.4, the **CITY** shall fully indemnify and hold the **COUNTY**, its officers and employees, harmless from any liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the **CITY** or any officer or employee thereof under or in connection with any authority or jurisdiction delegated to the **CITY** under this Agreement.
- B. Neither the CITY, nor any officer or employee thereof shall be responsible for any damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the COUNTY under this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that pursuant to Government Code Section 895.4, the COUNTY shall indemnify and hold the CITY, its officers and employees, harmless from any liability imposed by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the COUNTY, or any officer or employee thereof, under or in connection with any authority or jurisdiction delegated to the COUNTY under this Agreement.

17. MONITORING:

The **COUNTY** shall have the authority to cause regular monitoring of this Agreement to verify that the **CITY** is operating in accordance with the grant award and the services to be performed thereto.

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18. NOTICES:

Notices and other correspondence shall be sent to the COUNTY as follows:

STEVE COOLEY

District Attorney County of Los Angeles 210 West Temple Street, Suite 18-709 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notices and other correspondence shall be sent to the CITY as follows:

CARMEN TRUTANICH

City Attorney City of Los Angeles 800 City Hall East 200 North Main Street, 8th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012

19. WAIVER:

No waiver by the **COUNTY** of any breach of any provision of this

Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of
the **COUNTY** to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this

Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set
forth in this sub-paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights
and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

20. ALTERATION OF TERMS:

This writing fully expresses all understandings between the PARTIES concerning the matters covered herein and shall constitute the total Agreement. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement, whether by written or verbal understanding of the PARTIES, their officers, employees or agents, shall be valid and effective unless made in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement formally approved and executed by both PARTIES.

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21. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE:

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The **PARTIES** agree and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Agreement and further agree and consent that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, has caused this Agreement to be subscribed by its Chair and the seal of said Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Office-Clerk thereof, and the CITY has caused this Agreement to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, as of the date set forth below.

County of Los Angeles

By Steve Cooley, District Attorney

Date: 1/17/99

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL:

ROBERT KALUNIAN

Jennifer A.D. Lehman
Principal Deputy County Counsel

City of Los Angeles

By_____ Carmen Trutanich, City Attorney

Date:_____